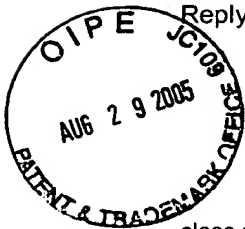


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 04/25/2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.